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Consolidation of the Agricultural Marketing Service (except the Agricultural Statistics Division) with the Surplus Marketing Administration, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, and the Commodity Exchange Administration of the Department of Agriculture, into an agency known as the Agricultural Marketing Administration, was effected February 23 with the signing of an Executive Order by President Roosevelt.

The Agricultural Statistics Division was made a part of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

In announcing these and other Department consolidations February 26, the Department said that the President's Order was a step taken to implement and strengthen the wartime reorganization of the Department made known December 13, 1941. The A. M. S. News reported the Department reorganization program in the issue of December 15, 1941, page 1.

The grouping of Department agencies as announced in the President's Executive Order was the same as that announced in the Secretary's reorganization except that the President's Order provides also for the consolidation of Department library facilities.

Major changes to date under the reorganization and Executive Order in Department administrative machinery have occurred in the setting up of the Agricultural Marketing Administration under Roy F. Hendrickson, Administrator. Possible administrative changes in the Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration and in the Agricultural Research Administration are being studied.

Mr. Hendrickson has been serving as Director of Agricultural Marketing, with administrative responsibility for the same groups which are to be integrated under the Agricultural Marketing Administration. All programs and services of the units combined in the AMA will be continued, but under the immediate supervision of branches of the Administration instead of under separate agencies as in the past.

Included in the general activities of the Agricultural Marketing Administration are: purchase and distribution programs, both domestic and abroad under Lend-Lease and territorial food programs; market news,

inspection and grading services; administration of various regulatory and market control acts of Congress; marketing agreements; and other related services in the marketing and transportation of agricultural commodities.

Mr. Hendrickson, as Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, will have Mr. Kitchen and E. W. Gaumnitz as Associate Administrators, and Fred V. Waugh and Ralph W. Olmstead, as Assistant Administrators.

Steps in the administration, integration, and consolidation under the reorganization and Executive Order will be announced as they develop.

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LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT AT HOUSTON SHOW

An AMS exhibit depicted our livestock and market news work with "color and action" at the Houston Fat Stock Show, held February 6-15. Demonstrations of grading, given by S. L. Byerly, in charge of the Houston office of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, were sponsored by the local livestock commission men and the Port City Stockyards Co. The cooperating agencies, Mr. Byerly reports, expressed the opinion that "it was the best exhibit we have had."

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PACKERS & STOCKYARDS BID

JAMES F. GIBBONS ADIEU

James F. Gibbons, who served for 20 years as a livestock market supervisor with the Packers and Stockyards Division, retired February 28. For almost 19 years he was in charge of the Buffalo, N. Y., office.

From 1890 until he joined this Department in 1922, Mr. Gibbons was connected with the packing industry. For 4 years he worked in Chicago packing houses. He was with the Western Weighing and Inspection Association for 8 years. In 1902 he took charge of the beef cooler department of the Cudahy Packing Company, where the work of grading and shipping beef to all parts of the country required an intimate knowledge of the beef industry. In 1910 he went to St. Paul, Minn., as cattle salesman for the Western Commission Company, for which he bought and sold cattle on orders for several years. For 2 years he was part owner and served as manager and cattle salesman of the Long and Hausen Commission Company. Following that for 4 years he bought and sold cattle independently. Mr. Gibbons was a member of the board of directors of the St. Paul Livestock Exchange for 3 years.

In saying adieu to Mr. Gibbons, the Packers and Stockyards staff wish their esteemed co-worker many years of continued activity and happiness.

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The ENEMY is listening

**He wants to know
what you know**

KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

Military Intelligence Division, War Department
Office of Naval Intelligence, Navy Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice

"Confidential Information, Display of Poster, 'The Enemy is Listening,' is the subject heading of a memorandum of February 23, by Mr. Kitchen to Division and Section Leaders. The memorandum reads:

"Attached is a poster provided for display in each Government office in Washington and the field. A copy should be posted in each room where personnel is regularly employed. The Marketing Information Division has an ample supply to meet all of our requirements. Will you please advise that division of the number of copies that you will need.

"The Agricultural Marketing Service is doing a great deal of work directly con-

nected with the war effort. I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for caution by all of our employees in discussing any matter and particularly the official work that our whole organization is doing for other governmental agencies engaged in war work. A small bit of information, a chance remark or comment, may do untold damage to our country.

"The inspection force should be particularly careful. The inspection of a cargo or ship's supplies must not be discussed with anyone. The volume of inspections, the time and place of inspection or the commodities inspected for Lend-Lease, the Army, Navy or other governmental agency should be held strictly confidential. In handling the inspection work for the Army or the Navy, it is frequently necessary for the heads of the field offices to know something of current and prospective plans. Under no circumstances should these be discussed with anyone either inside or outside of the Service, except where necessary in the performance of their official duties or contacts. Frequently the market news office will have information on the movement of ships, which, of course, is not published, but neither should it be discussed.

"If it is necessary to communicate confidential information to other offices the head of the office should note on the letter and envelope 'Confidential - For Personal Attention.' Such letters should be sealed by the head of the office and all carbons retained in a special file under lock. Incoming letters so marked should be sorted out in the mail room and delivered with the seal unbroken to the addressee.

"It is, of course, impossible to define all of the types of information that should be handled confidentially. Therefore, it is up to you to decide whether the information would be useful to the enemy. If you think that it would be of comfort or aid to the enemy, then don't talk about it. And if it is necessary in your official work to communicate it to another office, use the procedure outlined for confidential information."

CHICAGO CONSUMER BROADCASTS HAVE THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

"LISTEN LADIES" -- are the first words of a story appearing in the February 21 issue of THE PACKER which tells about the consumer radio program started a year ago by Lance G. Hooks, in charge of the Chicago office of the Marketing Information Division. The record during that period is impressive: 252 scripts over Station WJJD; 32, WAIT; 67, WGES; 51, WHFC; and 49 over Station WMAQ.

Helpful marketing tips and summaries of current good buys in fresh foods, particularly in fruits and vegetables, and other information on foods of interest to consumers are broadcast on these programs. Broadcasts daily in Lithuanian and Italian, and Monday through Friday in Polish over Station WGES, and daily in Polish over WHFC are made.

The item in THE PACKER concludes with the following paragraph:

"Similar programs are also sponsored by the Department at Boston, Philadelphia. Baltimore, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Denver and San Francisco. The program from Boston goes over the Colonial Network and the program at Kansas City is carried by the Kansas State Network daily."

CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTING WORK TO BE DRAMATIZED ON RADIO

The Crop Report will be dramatized over the coast to coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System at 3:00 p.m., E. W. T., on Saturday, March 21. Presented by a professional cast, this broadcast will trace the steps in the preparation of a Crop Report from the time the schedules are sent to the farmers in all sections of the country until the report is actually received by the public.

Timed to nearly coincide with the release of the Intentions to Plant Report the broadcast will call attention to this report and will point out the how and why of the secrecy which is so necessary in connection with this and other Crop Reports. The program will also pay tribute to the voluntary crop reporters for their cooperation.

For the preparation of the script the Columbia Broadcasting System has assigned a writer to work under the supervision and counsel of the Agricultural Statistics Division.

Farmers' cash income from marketings, from commodities placed under loan, and from Government payments in 1941 amounted to 11,771 million dollars. the highest total for any year since 1920. This total is 29 percent higher than the income received from the same sources in 1940 and is 9 percent above the average income from farm marketings for the years 1924-29.

GRADE DEMONSTRATIONS HELD FOR DEFENSE COUNCIL ARE A SUCCESS

New among AMS services to aid consumers in understanding grades was the demonstration meeting held February 17 in the conference room under the sponsorship of the Washington Defense Council. About 60 women, each a leader in the movement to further consumer information and better buying in the war effort, attended the session. They represented the League of Women Voters, League of Women Shoppers, General Federation of Women's Clubs, and various homemaker groups of the District of Columbia and suburban area in Maryland and Virginia.

The meeting was arranged at the request of Mrs. Georgia K. Benjamin, conductor of the leader training class. Marvin M. Sandstrom, who "M. C'd." the meeting, reports that the worth of the one demonstration warrants consideration of more such meetings for the future. Similar programs, he says, might hold value for greater inter-division understanding as well as for informing consumer groups. His conclusion is based on the many questions and comments of both the women and AMS members during and subsequent to the program.

An outline of the noontime speech and demonstration program follows:

The Why of Consumer Grades, by Harry E. Reed, Assistant Chief, AMS

Consumer Grades for Processed Foods -- a discussion and demonstration by Mrs. Elinore T. Linderer, Assistant Marketing Specialist, Fruit and Vegetable Division

Some Problems Concerning Consumer Grades for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, including demonstration of potato grades, by R. R. Pailthorp, In Charge, Standardization and Marketing Investigations of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Egg and Butter Grades for Consumers, including a demonstration of egg grading, by Rob R. Slocum, Senior Marketing Specialist, Dairy and Poultry Division

Meat Grades for the Consumer, illustrated by use of a series of colored slides, by A. T. Edinger, Marketing Specialist, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division

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DEFENSE BONDS buy ships, planes, tanks, guns, uniforms, parachutes, and ammunition. Invest in them now!

DAIRY, POULTRY STAFF
ON HEAVY FIELD DUTY

Washington and field officials of the Dairy and Poultry Division have been specially active recently on work away from their respective offices.

Roy C. Potts, in charge of the Division, spoke on Present Day Problems in Marketing Creamery Butter on the program of the Dairy Industry Short Course held at Ames, Iowa, February 16-20.

Rob R. Slocum left Washington February 24 for Madison, Wis., where a conference relative to the signing of a dairy and poultry products grading agreement for that State was held with officials of the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture, the Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture, and the Wisconsin Agricultural Extension Service. The agreement in question is one of the standard type agreements with a trust fund in the Federal Treasury. It will supersede the special agreements under which cheese and eggs purchased by the FSCC and turkeys have been graded. Mr. Slocum will also stop at the Chicago office to consult with the grading personnel at that office, and at Lafayette, Ind., in behalf of a new agreement covering the grading of dairy and poultry products in that State.

The Dairy and Poultry Division is represented by two of its staff -- Leon M. Davis of Washington and Frank H. McCampbell of San Francisco -- at the annual meeting of the Pacific States Poultry, Butter and Egg Association, now in session, March 2-4, in Portland, Oreg. Messrs. Davis and McCampbell will discuss informally the activities of the Agricultural Marketing Service in connection with the purchasing program of dairy and poultry products, and the grading and inspection of those products.

Henry G. F. Hamann, recently made a trip to Albany, Syracuse, Buffalo, and New York City. to discuss with State officials the program in New York State with respect to the grading and sampling of eggs and cheese for the FSCC. On his return to Washington he stopped at Harrisburg, Pa., to confer with local officials about the conduct of the State grading program.

Walter J. Schriver, of the Chicago office, was official butter judge at the meeting of the Mid-West Producers Creameries, Inc., held in South Bend, Ind., February 25 and 26.

Bruce S. Mars, of New York, recently spent 2 days in the Washington office. He was en route to Memphis, Tenn., and Dallas, Tex., to grade cheese in connection with the purchases of this product by the FSCC.

C. L. Reiser, of the Portland, Oreg., office acted as one of the judges of butter and cheese at the Short Course in Dairy Manufacturing, held in connection with the 31st Annual Convention of the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' Association at Corvallis, Oreg., February 14-16.

W. L. GOSS

W. L. Goss, associate seed technologist of the Grain and Seed Division, with headquarters at Beltsville, Md., died February 14 at George Washington Hospital. He had been ill and confined to the hospital for approximately 2 months.

Mr. Goss was a native of Vermont. He was graduated from the University of Vermont and was graduated in law from National University, Washington, D. C.

An employee of the Department of Agriculture since 1904, he devoted his years to activities pertaining to seed testing and regulation of activities in the seed trade. From 1930 to 1939, he was located with the State Department of Agriculture in California on a joint Federal-State basis.

Approximately 50 published articles pertaining to seed testing, the effect of storage on seed germination, and equipment developed for use in seed testing were prepared by Mr. Goss or by him jointly with other authors.

He was active in the affairs of the Association of Official Seed Analysts of North America and was President of that Association in 1935.

Mr. Goss is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters.

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TENTATIVE STANDARDS FOR PROCESSED RAISINS ANNOUNCED

Tentative United States standards for grades of processed raisins, just announced by the Fruit and Vegetable Division, will become effective as of March 2, 1942. The standards are based on experience gained by members of the processed foods inspection staff in handling the examination of large quantities of processed raisins offered for delivery to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and to other Government agencies during the past 2 years.

The grade nomenclature of U. S. Grade A, U. S. Grade B, and off-Grade, as used in the raisin standards, is a departure from the usual grade terms of the dried fruit industry. The trade terms of Extra Fancy Fancy, Extra Choice, and Standard are grades with only minor distinctions, such as size.

It is felt that the tentative standards reflect actual quality differences that exist in processed raisins.

PETER POMP FINISHES NEARLY 25
YEARS IN GRAIN INSPECTION WORK

Peter Pomp, junior supervisor of grain inspection of the South Chicago office of the Grain and Seed Division, retired February 28.

Mr. Pomp entered the Department in August 1917 at Chicago, where he has spent the complete period of his service. Before entering the employ of the Government, he was engaged for a number of years as grain sampler for the Illinois State Grain Inspection Service.

He carries with him the good wishes of his associates.

REPORTS AND RELEASES

CIRCULAR

IMPROVED BATES LABORATORY ASPIRATOR, Circular No. 630, came from the press last week. This circular by E. N. Bates, senior marketing specialist of the Grain and Seed Division, supersedes Circular No. 9, "The Bates Laboratory Aspirator," issued in 1927 as a contribution of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The late George P. Bodnar collaborated in the preparation of the earlier publication.

PRESS RELEASES

HENS BREAK JANUARY RECORD WITH 3,371,000,000 EGGS. (Feb. 16.)
RECORD NUMBERS OF MEAT ANIMALS SHOWN BY 1942 LIVESTOCK INVENTORY. (Feb. 18.)
DEADLINES SET FOR APPLICATIONS FROM COTTON IMPROVEMENT GROUPS. (Feb. 20.)
CROP REPORTING BOARD ADVANCES DATE FOR SPINACH CROP FORECAST. (Feb. 24.)

REPORTS

RESULTS OF FIBER AND SPINNING TESTS OF SOME VARIETIES OF COTTON GROWN IN TEXAS, CROP OF 1940, is a joint report of the Agricultural Marketing Service and the Bureau of Plant Industry in cooperation with the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Engineering Experiment Station of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. This report summarizes briefly the results recently obtained from 49 test lots of cotton grown at five locations in Texas during the 1940 season. Most of the varieties that have been included are those recommended by the State-Wide Cotton Committee of Texas as suitable for production in one or more areas in Texas.

NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK ON FARMS, 1935-42, by States and Classes are given in a mimeographed release of February 1942 of the Crop Reporting Board.

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES AT LOS ANGELES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, 1941, is a summary by weeks of the market reports issued daily by the Federal-State Market News Service at Los Angeles.

PUBLIC SERVANTS

Wayne Coy, Liaison Officer, OEM, says that "we are now learning that the only effect of government experience on some men has been to tie them to the slow rhythms of unimaginative, workaday, bureaucratic chores. These are the men who are careful never to venture on uncharted seas. If they have an imagination they carefully keep it locked up and out of use. We all know experienced men in government like these; we also know similar men new to government. Together they form a great unimaginative army whose banner reads, 'You tell me what to do and I'll do it.' They seem to aspire to be the slot-machines of government, refusing to perform until someone higher up inserts a coin of specific direction and command. These are the problem-children of public administration today." But, he adds:

"Great power is placed in the hands of public servants, and that power can be abused and tyrannically used if men come to think the power belongs to them and forget they merely use it as trustees of all citizens.

"It is only when our efforts are subjected to the constant hammering of those who disagree or are disgruntled, that the men who administer the affairs of government may attain their maximum effectiveness. I believe that this should be even truer in time of conflict and stress, than in a time of serenity and quiet. Much of the criticism which we shall receive in the coming months and years will seem capricious and spurious, or even subversive. Doubtless some of it will be, but whatever its motivation, none of us can afford to do without it."

The Cotton Division is losing two additional valuable members of its field force to the armed force of the U. S. Frank N. Morgan, who has been for the past 7 years a member of the staff of the spinning laboratory at Clemson, S. C., has already reported for duty with the U. S. Naval Reserves at Columbia, S. C. Frank C. Bouknight, assistant cotton statistician at the Memphis office, reported for duty with the quartermaster corps at Camp Stewart, Ga., on February 25. Mr. Bouknight has been with the Cotton Division since July 1931.

FARM FOR VICTORY (issue of February 1942) contains a photograph of Alfred Christie inspecting a sample of powdered dried whole egg from a 200-pound barrel containing this product for shipment to Great Britain. The caption includes the statement: "This product must look right, taste right and smell right if it is to be accepted by the Department of Agriculture." Mr. Christie, assistant grain technologist of the Grain and Seed Division, was loaned to the Dairy and Poultry Division for a brief period last summer to assist in the organization of the laboratory work that is an essential part of the inspection of powdered dried whole egg under the Lend-Lease Program. The photograph was taken at that time.

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 IN THE LIBRARY

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Erdman, H. E., Alcorn, G. B., and Mace, A. T. Egg marketing in the Los Angeles area. 91pp. Berkeley, 1941. California Agricultural experiment station, Bulletin 656.

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McNair, Malcolm Perrine [and others] Distribution costs; an international digest, by Malcolm P. McNair ... Stanley F. Teele ... [and] Frances O. Mulhearn ... With the collaboration of Dr. Julius Hirsch. 652pp., processed. Boston, Graduate school of business administration, George F. Baker foundation, Harvard university, 1941. 280.3 M232

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Rada, Edward L., and DeLoach, D. B. An analysis of state laws designed to effect economic control of the market milk industry. 72 pp. Corvallis, Ore., Oregon state college [1941] (Oregon University, Eugene. [Oregon state monographs. Studies in economics no.2]) 280.9 Or33

U. S. Bureau of labor statistics. Cotton goods, market conditions and wartime controls of the industry, 1914-1918, prepared in the Special price research section, by James A. McDevitt under the direction of Stella Stewart ... February 1941. 24pp., processed. [Washington] 1941. 158.61 C82

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Woodin, M. D. Changes in the prices of apples and other fruits. 25pp. Ithaca, 1941. N. Y. (Cornell) Agricultural experiment station, Bulletin 773.

In the great debate over price control Secretary Wickard spoke the farmers' conviction that they did not want another post-war deflation (they had enough after World War I) and therefore were for measures to control wartime inflation. From coast to coast the Secretary repeated his doctrine: "Given parity prices, farmers will produce enough of nearly everything to meet the expanding needs of ourselves and the other democracies. This is the best insurance against inflation. To get production, we need parity prices. To stop inflation we should keep prices at around parity. In some cases we will have to use price ceilings to do this. Since prices fluctuate, we should put the ceiling a little above parity. However, this principle cannot be applied to every product. In order to get enough of some commodities we may have to bid much higher.

(From USDA, issue of February 20, 1942.)

HERE AND THERE

E. J. Murphy, in charge of the Grain and Seed Division, spent the period February 15 to 25 in Chicago where he conferred with members of the Division and with representatives of the Food and Drug Administration on the matter of prevention of adulteration of grain.

John W. Wright of the Cotton Division spent the week of February 15 visiting points in South Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi in connection with research in the packaging, sampling, and marketing of cotton.

E. J. Rowell, radio specialist of the Marketing Information Division, left Washington March 1 for Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, and Cincinnati, in connection with the radio work and other media for the transmission of market news.

A. T. Edinger, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, will attend the Southwestern Livestock Show and Exposition at Fort Worth, Tex., during the week of March 15-21 to act as judge at the fifth consecutive annual Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest. These contests are sponsored by the National Livestock and Meat Board, the American Meat Institute, and the Southwestern Livestock Show and Exposition. They have aided considerably in acquainting the youth and livestock producers with the Federal meat standards and the relationship between the grades of livestock and the grades of meat.

V. L. Stedronsky of the engineering staff of the U. S. ginning laboratory at Stoneville, Miss., is spending several days in Washington. He came to confer with members of the Washington staff concerning preparation for publication of the results of experimental work in the packaging of cotton.

A number of transfers have taken place in the meat grading personnel of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division. O. L. Fite is being transferred from Chicago to Omaha; A. J. Haas, from Omaha to Chicago; and E. C. Prochaska from Philadelphia to Chicago. M. F. Gunshenan, a new appointee, is taking Mr. Prochaska's place in Philadelphia.

Miss Margaret L. Hedrick was appointed February 9 as messenger in the Washington office of the Packers and Stockyards Division. On account of so many of the young men being called to the colors, it has become necessary to appoint girls to take their places in the messenger service of the Department. Miss Hedrick is the first one to assume duties of this character in the AMS, but no doubt many more will soon be needed.

Cumulative f.o.b. value of all farm products bought by the AMA for Lend-Lease shipment and other distribution needs approximate \$694,000,000 for the period March 15, 1941, through January 31, 1942. Purchases of over \$89,000,000 were made.

In the interest of national defense, two visitors spent several days recently in the cotton laboratories of AMS for the purpose of learning the latest techniques for analyzing absorbent cotton and other cotton for use in hospitals. The visitors were Pharmacist Mate Carl A. Bergman of the Naval Medical Depot, Brooklyn, N. Y., and G. Furlong of the firm of Johnson & Johnson, manufacturers of large quantities of absorbent cotton, at Rahway, N. J.

Joseph D. Hale, of the Sioux City, Iowa, office of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, discussed the services of that Division at a meeting of the Farm and Town Club of Holstein, Iowa, February 18. Mr. Hale attended at the request of R. W. Arthur, vocational agricultural instructor.

Claire D. Hall, secretary to W. B. Lanham of the Cotton Division, will leave the Government service on March 6, after $6\frac{1}{2}$ years in the Department. She has accepted a position as secretary to the assistant vice president of the Association of American Railroads.

Triplets born to a ewe on the nearby farm of Dr. E. E. Berkley are in line with Secretary Wickard's appeal for "all-out" production in connection with the war effort. Dr. Berkley works in our cotton laboratory under a cooperative arrangement with BPI.

A. T. Edinger, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, will assist with a specially arranged program by the Washington Restaurant Association, Tuesday, March 3, at 8:30 p.m., at a local cafeteria. The Fine Arts in Food Display awards will be presented in connection with the program. Mr. Edinger will show slides illustrating the different U.S. grades of meat and explain them briefly as they appear on the screen.

Mrs. Esther Claffy of New York City has accepted a position as scientific aid in the Cotton Division laboratories. Mrs. Claffy comes by transfer from the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. She will be engaged in X-ray analysis of cotton fibers under the direction of Dr. E. E. Berkley on work undertaken jointly by AMS and the Bureau of Plant Industry.

WAR AND AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES, 1914-1941, is a recent bibliography (No. 93) of BAE. It contains selected references, compiled by Walter T. Borg, junior agricultural historian, on the effects of World War 1 and the present crisis on agriculture.

Mildred V. Roxby, the popular instructor in Red Cross First Aid in the Agricultural Annex, is conducting her fourth class in this important subject. The class assembled on February 9 with 32 students enrolled. Two classes, composed chiefly of members of the Cotton Division, many of whom have assignments in the Civilian Defense program, completed the course early in February, and a third, an evening class organized in Alexandria, Va., is still in progress.

